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Sub: Ban on movement of elephants in Municipal Corporations
No. Desk-23(4)/ C.N.32 (2013)/3209 dated 08/12/2014

ORDER

It has been brought to our notice that elephants are often brought within the limits of notified Municipal Corporations in the Maharashtra State, and used for the purposes of entertainment and rallies. Notified Municipal Corporations are densely populated urban areas and have high level of vehicular disturbances and noise. Elephants in such conditions of cities under Municipal Corporations are likely to get agitated and threat to human life as well as serious risk to public safety.

Elephant (*Elephas maximus*) is a wild animal included in Schedule-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Section 42 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 provides for the certificate of ownership and requires ensuring that the owners have adequate facilities for housing, maintenance and upkeep for the elephants. The Guidelines issued by the Project Elephant (Government of India) vide No.9-5/2003/PE dated 08.01.2008 include ban on entry of captive elephants, as and when required, in the municipal limits under Section 40(2) of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

After due considerations pertaining to movement of elephants on foot within limits of Municipal Corporations, and in exercise of powers granted under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra State hereby issues the following order:

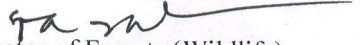
ORDER

There shall be no movement of any elephant on foot within any Municipal Corporation of Maharashtra State without specific permission of the Chief Conservator of Forests in charge of the area. This order shall not be applicable in cases of movement of any elephant within enclosed spaces in a recognized zoo or enclosed premises of the owner recognized by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests for the purpose.

Further, owners of the elephants shall ensure that any elephant is not brought in close proximity of any person who is not trained to handle elephants in captivity.

This order shall be effective from 15 December 2014.




Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)
& Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State

To:

- 1). The Chief Conservators of Forests (Territorial) (All)
- 2). The Deputy Conservators of Forests (Territorial) (All)